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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

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MODERATOR, Almon A. Davis
TOWN CLERK, Chas. W. Buckminster

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS,

Chas. W. Buckminster, Lucius E. Parker
Perley W. Ellis.

TOWN TREASURER, David B. Nims
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER, David B. Nims

GRAND JURORS,

Perley W. Ellis, David B. Nims

ROAD AGENT,

Cassius M. C. Phillips.

CONSTABLE, Cyrus K. Ellis
SEXTON, David B. Nims

FISH AND GAME WARDENS,

Perley W. Ellis, Robert L. Page

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

Cassius M. C. Phillips, David B. Nims

FENCE VIEWERS,

David B. Nims, Lucius E. Parker
George W. C. Nye.

AUDITOR, Almon A. Davis

BOARD OF HEALTH,

Almon A. Davis, Cyrus K. Ellis
Cassius M. C. Phillips.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Horace H. Bridge, Lucius E. Parker
Henry Ellis.

REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF ROXBURY, N. H.,
For The Year Ending February 15, 1899.

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Inventory of Polls and Taxable Property.

34 Polls,	$3,400 00
42 Horses,	1,370 00
6 Oxen,	456 00
42 Cows,	1,251 00
14 Neat stock,	237 00
95 Sheep,	308 00
Interest money,	1,000 00
Value improved and unimproved land and buildings,	51,651 00
Value aqueducts and reservoirs,	7,500 00
Total valuation,	$67,173 00

Appropriations and money raised by taxation,

State Tax,	$ 153 00
County Tax,	147 20
Town Tax,	75 00
Town Note Tax,	100 00
School Tax,	150 00
Highway Tax,	400 00
Overplus,	29 42
	$1054 62

Amount committed to tax collector, $1,054 62

Rate per cent. state, county, town, school and highway, $1.57.

Number of dogs in town, April 1, 1898, 15.

ABATEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that abatement has been made, and for cause herein after mentioned for the year 1898.

Henry Ellis, the sum of three dollars for maintenance of public watering trough.

Upon tax collector's book, 1896.

Edward Cota, $0.57, cause, interest.
Willis Cunningham, 1 66, cause, death.
David Cass, 3 04, cause, nothing upon which to levy.
William Sipson, 1 38, cause, a poor person.
Elisha O. Woodward, .28, cause, non-resident.

UPON TAX COLLECTOR'S BOOK, 1897.

William Sipson, 3 86, cause, a poor person.
Frank Wheeler, 1 58, cause, a poor person.

DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Sundry Expenses.

W. H. Spalter, collector's book, order book and mdse.,	$5 00
W. H. Spalter, school books and supplies,	16 89
Chas. W. Buckminster, sundry town charges,	3 55
Chas. W. Buckminster, attending court on account of branch road,	1 50
Walter L. Metcalf, printing town report,	12 00
	$38 94

TOWN OFFICERS.

Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as 1st selectman,	$20 00
Lucius E. Parker, salary as 2nd selectman,	15 00
Perley W. Ellis, salary as third selectman,	10 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as town clerk,	8 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as overseer of poor,	2 00
David B. Nims, salary as town treasurer,	6 00
David B. Nims. salary as school district treasurer,	5 00
David B. Nims, salary as supervisor,	3 00
Almon A. Davis, salary as supervisor,	3 00
Richard C. Smith, services as supervisor, one-half year,	1 50
Cassius M. C. Phillips, services as supervisor,	1 50
Cyrus K. Ellis, salary as collector of taxes,	20 00
Richard C. Smith, services as enumerating officer,	1 50
Cyrus K. Ellis, salary as constable,	2 00
Henry Ellis, salary as member of school board,	6 00
Horace H. Bridge, salary as member of school board,	5 00
	$109 50

OVERSEER OF POOR.

To the selectmen of Roxbury: The town has no individual poor, for whom it is chargeable for support. Aid has been furnished County charges as follows: Wilmer G. Ellis, $54 00

Frank Wheeler family, case continued to April term, 1899.

Chas. W. Buckminster, expenses to settle with county commissioners, $3 00

TOWN CLERK.

To the Selectmen of Roxbury: In compliance with an act of the legislature, June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I hereby submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

No births. Number of marriages, one.

Number of deaths, one.

Number dying elsewhere and reported for record, one.

Number of fires reported, none.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER, Town Clerk.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

To the board of selectmen: Gentlemen, In compliance with the general laws, we submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899. There has been no epidemic or contagious disease within our limits, during the year just closed, and taking into consideration the unusual changes of heat and cold, we can feel grateful for the remarkably good health among our citizens in general.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON A. DAVIS,
CYRUS K. ELLIS,
CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,
Board of Health, of Roxbury.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REPAIR TOWN HALL.

To the selectmen of the town of Roxbury: The undersigned, a committee chosen for the repair of

the town hall, submit the following report: We have attended to the duty assigned us, and have newly shingled both roofs of the belfry, enclosed the windows behind the blinds upon the upper tower with storm protectors and painted the belfry at an expense of twenty-four dollars and three cents, and for which proper vouchers are herewith submitted.

Amount of appropriation,	$25 00
Total amount of expenditures,	24 03

The sum of ninty-seven cents, to balance said appropriation, remains in the hands of the town treasurer.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
PERLEY W. ELLIS,
Committee.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in treasury, February 15, 1898,	$28 21
Received from L. W. Davis, collector for 1896,	54 18
Received from L. W. Davis, interest on taxes, 1896,	5 41
Received from L. W. Davis, collector for 1897.	216 87
Received from L. W. Davis, interest on taxes, 1897,	19 96
Received from C. K. Ellis, collector for 1898,	847 81
Received from county of Cheshire, aid on branch road,	100 00
Received from county of Cheshire, aid on pauper claims,	86 50
Received from C. W. Buckminster, dog license, 1898,	20 00

Received from state treasurer, savings bank tax,	$ 113 16
Received from state treasurer, literary fund,	14 40
Received from state treasurer, railroad tax,	2 47
	$1,508 97
Total am't of orders paid from treasury,	1,482 13
Balance,	$ 26 84
Assets due from tax collector, 1898,	$203 81
Liabilities, town note,	100 00

DAVID B. NIMS, Treasurer.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
PERLEY W. ELLIS,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

C. M. C. Phillips,	$105 86
C. W. Buckminster,	46 54
P. S. Buckminster,	29 92
F. Wheeler,	2 03
B. J. Holt,	5 70
J. R. Holt,	45
M. C. Buckminster,	95
J. Delper,	13 05
W. B. Mark,	26 85
G. L. Mark,	12 15
H. Bruce,	1 05
C. K. Ellis,	17 10
R. L. Page,	7 80
R. C. Smith,	5 92
M. Parker,	9 60
L. E. Parker,	4 20

M. O. Parker,	3 00
G. W. C. Nye,	5 25
C. Davis,	3 00
L. E. Robbins,	9 92
E. A. Robbins,	12 72
D. B. Nims,	7 18
J. H. Ellis,	11 25
B. Byron,	1 42
A. Lorendo,	1 87
J. Byron,	1 87
P. W. Ellis,	87
W. Sipson,	1 80
R. Sipson,	2 70
H. Ellis,	17 42
L. W. Davis,	21 15
A. A. Davis,	5 25
M. E. Buckminister,	75
H. Davis,	5 70
C. Ellis,	6 00
H. W. Nims,	42 00
H. W. Nims,	12 50
C. Brown,	26 45
H. Eastman,	1 45
W. Phillips,	85
O. Phillips,	2 25
T. A. Hastings,	113 95
A. B. Skinner Co.,	1 92
Spencer Hardware Co.,	7 60
Humphrey Machine Co.,	5 30
C. & A. Hodgkins Co.,	1 50
Miscellaneous items,	3 10
	$627 16
Rec'd orders from Selectmen on treasury,	$627 16

Amount aid from county of Cheshire on branch road,	$100 00
Actual amount drawn from town treasury,	527 16
	$627 16
Appropriation, plus aid from county,	$500 00
Amount of expenditures above appropriation and aid,	127 16
Amount of snow bills to February settlement,	$120 86

The excess of expenses above appropriations is accounted for by the unusually large amount of cost for breaking roads and repair of the wooden bridges in our town, as about one-half of the entire amount of money, appropriated for the repair of highways and bridges, was expended in the repair of bridges alone, to put them in suitable repair for the heavy loads to which some of them are subjected.

During the year just passed four sluices, on the Branch or Concord road so called, have been rebuilt, and earthen drain tile substituted for wood and stone and are found most satisfactory so far. The town has on hand about 800 feet of bridge plank, two Thatcher scrapers and one leveler in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,

Road Agent.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the school board of the town of Roxbury for the year ending February 15, 1899.

During the year just closed there was holden 36 weeks of school, 18 weeks of school being held in No. 1, and 18 weeks in No. 3, none in No. 2, there being but 1 scholar and that was provided for in No. 1. The school in No. 1, was divided into two terms of 8 weeks in the Spring and 10 weeks in the Fall. The Spring term was taught by Miss Frances L. Cushing, of Marlboro', and the Fall term by Miss Helen J. Sanborn, of West Keene.

Wages of teachers per week including board, $6 00
Whole No. of pupils, first term 5, second term 7.
Average daily attendance first term, 5.
Number of tardy marks, first term 0, second term 4.
Number not absent, first term 5, second term 2.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, FIRST TERM.

Gertrude A. Buckminster, Miles C. Buckminster, Charles A. Buckminster, Walter E. Buckminster, George Ellis.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, SECOND TERM.

Charles A. Buckminster, Walter E. Buckminster.

The school in No. 3, was divided into two terms of 8 weeks in the Spring, and 10 weeks in the Fall.

Both terms in this school was taught by Miss Helen Taft, of South Keene.

Wages of teacher per week, including board, $7.00
Whole No. of scholars, first term 9, second term, 8.
Average daily attend., first term 7, second term 7.
Number of tardy marks, first term 0, second term 0.
Number not absent, first term 3, second term 4.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE FIRST TERM.

Charity M. Ellis, Daniel H. Ellis, Lewis E. Ellis.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE SECOND TERM.

Charity M. Ellis, Lewis E. Ellis,
Daniel H. Ellis, Carl Coleman.

The town district is very well supplied with illustrative apparatus for the different branches taught in common schools. Number of visits, by the superintendent, for the year 10. Number of visits by the school board for the year 4. For financial report you are referred to the treasurer's report.

HORACE H. BRIDGE,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
HENRY ELLIS,
Town School Board of Roxbury.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Balance in treasury, February 15, 1898,	$43 16
Received amount of dog license, 1897,	20 00
Received amount of literary fund, 1897,	14 88
Received amount of railroad tax, 1897,	2 45
Received amount of school money, 1898,	150 00
Received from school board,	5 27
	$235 76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders from school board on treasury,	240 16
Balance overdrawn, February 20, 1899,	$4 40

DAVID B. NIMS, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I find the foregoing accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS,
Feb. 20, 1899. Auditor.

REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN.

In presenting our annual report we, would say that no business has been brought to the attention of the selectmen for their investigation, but what they have tried to give their careful consideration.

There is but one unadjusted case out-standing, that one a case of damage to sheep by dogs, and the only reason that this is not adjusted in some way is through the negligence of the owner of the said sheep.

Your careful consideration is requested, of the tenth article in the warrant, for consideration at the annual town meeting.

An article relating to a cemetery fund, the same being a legacy or legacies left as a trust fund by former inhabitants of the town and for the better preservation of the resting place of the dead. We would recommend the empowering of our sexton as an agent to expend the amount of available funds as they may accrue, that the wishes of the doners may be more fully carried out, he at the present time lacking such authority.

Very Respectfully,

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
PERLEY W. ELLIS,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the school district of the town of Roxbury, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said district, on Tuesday the 14th day of March, 1899, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1.—To choose a moderator, for the ensuing year.

2.—To choose a clerk, for the ensuing year.

3.—To choose a treasurer, for the ensuing year.

4.—To choose a member of the school board, for the ensuing three years.

5.—To choose all other necessary officers, for the ensuing year.

6.—To hear the reports of agents, auditors, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

7.—To choose agents, auditors and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8.—To see if the district will vote to pay the amount of overdraft on treasury.

Given under our hands at Roxbury, this 20th day of February, 1899.

HENRY ELLIS,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
School Board of Roxbury.

A true copy attest: HENRY ELLIS,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
School Board of Roxbury.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Roxbury, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1.—To choose by ballot and major vote a town clerk.

2.—To hear the reports of selectmen, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3.—To choose by ballot and major vote, three selectmen.

4.—To choose by ballot and major vote a treasurer.

5.—To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

6.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for the support of schools.

7.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for repairing highways.

8.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for other town charges.

9.—To see if the town will vote to establish a town library and raise money therefor.

10.—To see what action the town will take in regard to its cemetery fund and pass any vote in relation thereto.

11.—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal at Roxbury, this 20th day of February, 1899.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
PERLEY W. ELLIS,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

A true copy of warrant.

Attest: CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,
PERLEY W. ELLIS,
Selectmen of Roxbury.